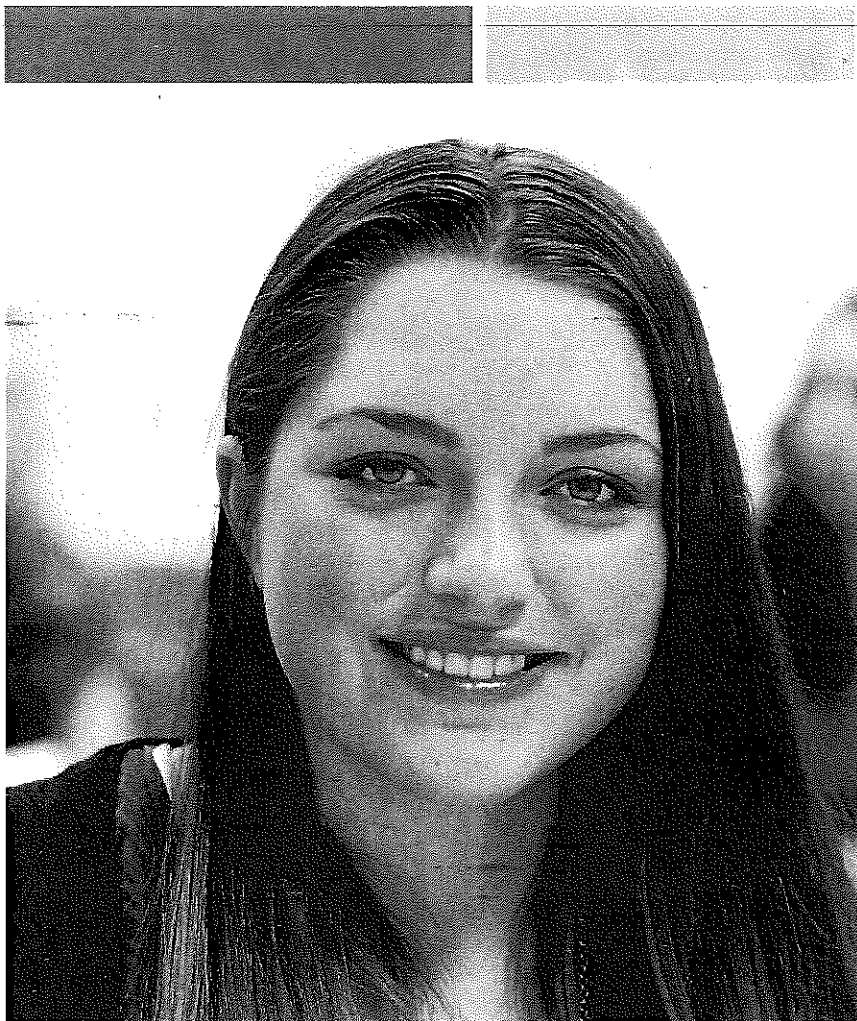


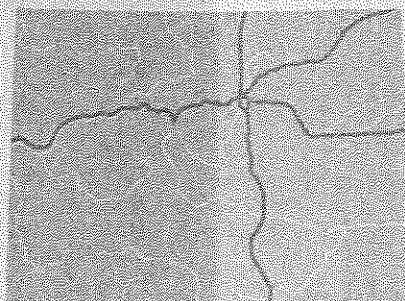
## Colorado and the College Board: Partners in Educational Excellence for All



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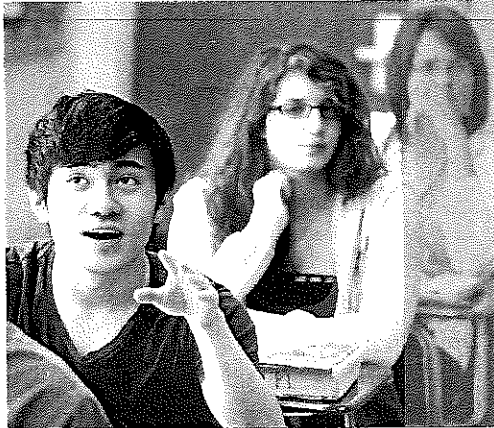
They also need critical thinking and reasoning skills to innovate and move their communities forward.

The state of Colorado and the College Board have partnered to emphasize the importance of college and career readiness to prepare more students for success.



## About the College Board

The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT® and the Advanced Placement Program®. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators and schools. For further information, visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).



*"SpringBoard Math and English helped Longs Peak staff take academic rigor to the next level of excellence, and put all of our students on the path to college preparedness."*

**Matt Buchler, Principal**  
Longs Peak Middle School  
St. Vrain Valley School District

## Colorado and the College Board

**Strengthening rigor, expanding access, enhancing performance — and improving college completion rates to build Colorado's future.**

Throughout Colorado, more than 64 leading education entities participate as members of the College Board organization, including secondary schools, higher-education institutions, and school districts. As partners, Colorado and the College Board provide access to the rigor and opportunity of a pathway to college and career success — developing content knowledge, as well as the vital critical-thinking skills required to fuel lifetime achievement.

A solid educational foundation is more important than ever before as today's students face an increasingly complex socioeconomic frontier. Through a range of programs, the College Board plays an integral role in supporting Colorado's ambitious education goals — offering all students the tools they need to maximize college readiness and future potential.

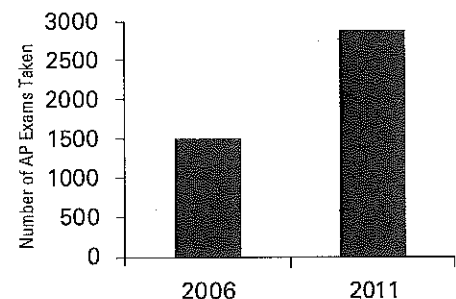
Colorado is committed to preparing its students to meet the challenges of the 21st century as individuals, professionals — and as engaged citizens of their local and regional communities.

## Spotlight on Success:

### Denver Public Schools

As part of its commitment to college and career readiness, Denver Public Schools has partnered with the College Board to expand access to Advanced Placement and college-level course work. It has implemented SpringBoard, the College Board's official Pre-AP curriculum in over 45 schools across the district. In addition, many Denver schools are administering the PSAT/NMSQT and using the accompanying free AP Potential™ tool to identify more students with the potential to succeed in AP.

**The Results:** AP Participation in Denver has nearly doubled since 2006



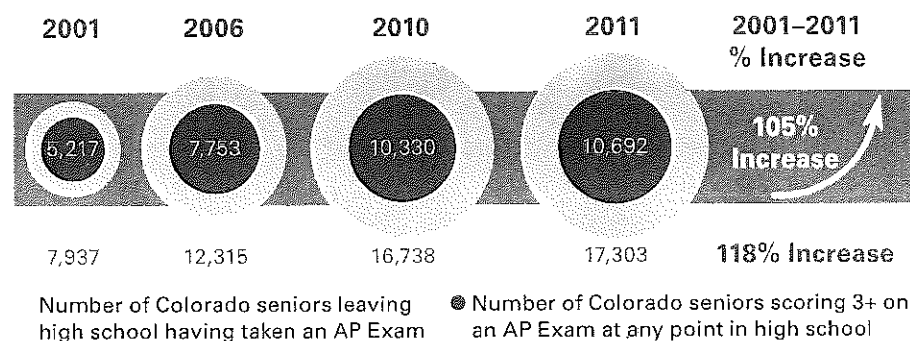
## Key results of our partnership:

### More students are prepared to succeed in college and career

The partnership between the state of Colorado and the College Board has expanded access to advanced course work for all students and increased the number of students entering the college pipeline.

# 118%

## growth in Colorado AP participation



The College Board is committed to supporting students, educators, parents and districts — continuing our collaborative efforts to connect more students to college success and opportunity.

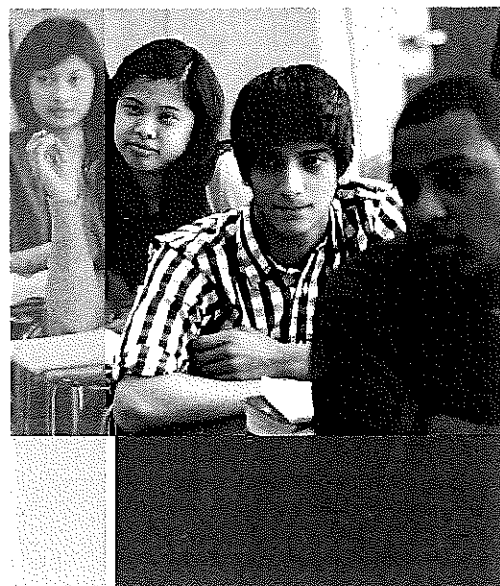
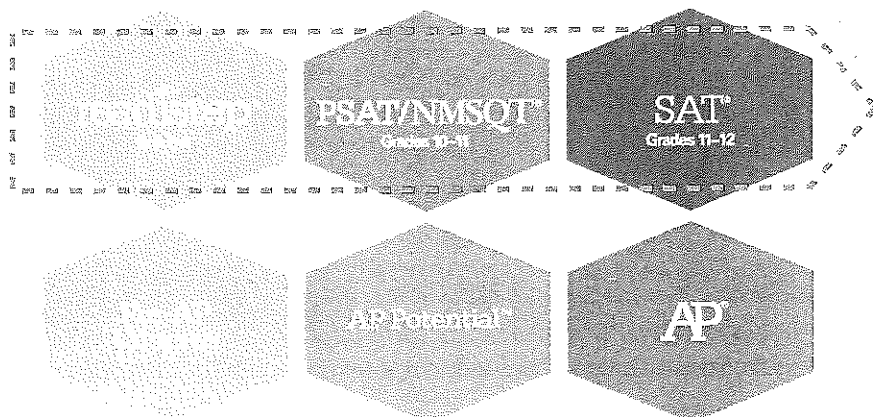
Over

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## Colorado students took the PSAT in 2011

*"The opportunity to work with the College Board and understand how to use AP Potential has helped us to expand our AP offerings and student access to Advanced Placement courses. Using this type of data really opened our eyes to how students accessed Advanced Placement options. Due to our work and continued learning with AP, we now as a school expect all students to take at least one AP or concurrent enrollment prior to graduation."*

**Sandra Just, Principal**  
**Thomas Jefferson High School**  
**Denver Public Schools**





# College Board Programs in Colorado

## **ReadiStep™**

ReadiStep™ is a middle grades assessment that measures the knowledge and skills students need to be on track for college success.

## **PSAT/NMSQT®**

The Preliminary SAT®/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a rigorous national assessment that measures core skills in critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing — providing actionable feedback on areas requiring improvement to help increase students' college readiness. In 2011, more than 29,000 Colorado public high school students took the PSAT/NMSQT and received free access to online college and career exploration tools.

## **SAT®**

The SAT® is the most widely used college admission assessment for 11th and 12th grades — providing insight into the ultimate measure of a student's college readiness level and potential for success upon graduation from high school.

## **ACCUPLACER®**

A computer-adaptive assessment suite, ACCUPLACER® quickly and accurately assesses reading, writing and math skills. Colorado community colleges have used ACCUPLACER as the system's exclusive placement testing tool since 2000. High schools and community colleges throughout Colorado are leveraging ACCUPLACER to prepare students for college-level course work through an integrated program of diagnostic exams and instructional remediation resources. In 2011, Colorado administered more than 276,000 ACCUPLACER exams.

## **Advanced Placement®**

The Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) provides students the rigor of college-level studies while still in high school — offering academically prepared and motivated students the opportunity to earn college credit and advanced placement that can accelerate their paths to achievement in college.

## **SpringBoard®**

Aligned with Colorado state and Common Core Standards, SpringBoard® provides a proven, vertically articulated model of instruction that increases academic rigor, closes the achievement gap, and prepares students to succeed in AP and college-level courses. Districts and schools across Colorado use the SpringBoard curriculum in grades 6–12.

## **Professional Development**

Targeted professional development tools equip middle and high school teachers, administrators and counselors with powerful resources and strategies to engage their students in critical thinking and high-level learning.

## **Student Search Service® and National Hispanic Recognition Program**

Student Search Service® connects students with information from colleges, universities and scholarship programs, such as the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP).

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